

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title insert:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--;

After the first paragraph insert:

--2. Description of the Related Art--;

Page 3, after the second paragraph insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

amend the second to last paragraph to read:

--For meeting this object, the invention proposes ~~in a~~
~~method of the type mentioned in the preamble of claim 1 to~~
adjust the strip temperature in the furnace at most to 50 °K
above immersion temperature in the zinc bath.--

Page 6, after the first paragraph, insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Before the second to last paragraph insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;